

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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*“Pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love,
patience and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.”*

1 Timothy 6:11-12

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2016

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Monsignor Joseph DeGrocco

Parochial Vicars: Reverend Fidelis Ezeani, Reverend Frank Zero

Deacons: Deacon William Crosby, Deacon Douglas G. Smith, Deacon Robert A. Becker

Business Manager: Mr. Martin Kenny

Director of Faith Formation: Mrs. April Kleinlaut

Music Director: Mr. Christopher Ferraro

Pastor Emeritus: Reverend Monsignor Daniel S. Hamilton, In Residence

COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Saturday Morning:

8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.

OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

(unless otherwise announced)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday Evening: after OLPH Novena Devotions

Wednesday: 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

Monday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Around the Cross Thursday, September 29

7:30 p.m. in Church



Join us for a candlelight prayer service to help us reflect on the mystery of the Cross and the glory of Christ's resurrection. Consider setting aside 45 minutes to join in this beautiful and contemplative form of prayer.

OLPH YOUTH CHOIR SINGS AT THE DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONGRESS



Members of the OLPH Youth Schola led the music for Morning Prayer on Saturday, September 17 at the Diocesan Catechetical Congress at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School. They are pictured here with Bishop Robert Brennan.

BLESSING OF THE CATECHISTS

Members of the Religious Education department and the catechists who will be teaching this year gathered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday, September 18 for a blessing at the start of the 2016/2017 OLPH Religious Education school year.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Autumn

Autumn officially began a few days ago and, with its arrival, we are probably all wondering, “*Where did the summer go?*” Time does seem to pass so quickly, and I for one always find myself a little melancholy with the passing of each summer because I know that autumn inevitably leads into the cold winter weather I dislike so much. Nonetheless, I do admit that there is much to appreciate about the fall: the crisper, cooler weather which brings its own advantages, and the beauty of the foliage as it changes color. Some very beautiful liturgical days are celebrated in autumn, as well as the fact that October is traditionally devoted to the Rosary and to the Blessed Mother. So...happy autumn!

Divine Mercy film

We’re having two showings of a very beautiful and important film documentary which tells the story of the original image of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy, as you know, is a very popular devotion which originated with St. Faustina, and each year the Second Sunday of Easter is designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The ad for the film is elsewhere in this bulletin, and we’ll be showing it on Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening of this week. Do make it a point to try to attend; it will be a very moving spiritual experience. The movie is being sponsored by the Liturgy Committee, and I offer words of gratitude to Barbara McPhail, who is a member of the committee and who is our Coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for organizing and directing this event. I’ll be attending both showings, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Finance Committee meetings resume

Our Finance Committee begins its slate of meetings for the 2016-2017 “ministerial year” this coming Thursday night. Let’s not be mistaken: even though the Finance Committee deals with the finances and business aspects of the parish, it is no less ministerial and pastoral in its focus than any other committee or organization. All the members of the committee are committed to the spiritual and ministerial health and flourishing of the parish, and the reality is that such fruitfulness is achieved only through proper oversight and management of our financial and material resources. I am grateful to the members of the Finance Committee who make the offering of their time and expertise to work on the committee, and especially to its chair, Gerry Chille. The entire committee provides invaluable advice, direction and input to me in handling the financial life of the parish.

Perhaps you have noticed that we publish the names of the members of the Finance Committee, along with the names of two other important leadership committees, the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Committee, in the bulletin each week. Take a moment once in a while to notice those names and to offer a prayer for all the members of those committees, that the Holy Spirit may bless and guide them in their ministry as committee members. In addition, you should feel free to speak to any of the members of any of the committees should you have any questions or concerns.

Taizé Prayer around the Cross

Also on Thursday of this week we are holding one of our semi-annual evenings of Taizé Prayer around the Cross. I am thrilled that this prayer experience has become a tradition at OLPH. We hold it twice a year and it is sponsored by the Liturgy Committee. Those who have attended in the past know what an amazing and renewing prayer experience this is. It’s not long — only 45 minutes to an hour or so — and most of it is spent either in quiet time or in very easy-to-sing meditative chants. The prayer also includes the opportunity to come forward to venerate the San Damiano Cross (the cross traditionally used in Taizé prayer, and which, when not being used for this, adorns the center back wall of our choir loft). Hey, who among us does not need an hour or so of quiet time and spirituality, right? So, if you are available, please plan on joining in the Taizé prayer. I am grateful to the Liturgy Committee for sponsoring this, and in particular to our Director of Music Chris Ferraro who takes the lead in making this happen twice a year.

Adult Faith Formation Course: Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick

Since the fall is associated with “Back to School,” I might as well put my “teaching hat” back on. I’m happy to be offering the adult faith formation course you have seen advertised in the bulletin, and, for those who are working toward an advanced certificate from the diocese, this will count as an advanced course. Apropos of this Year of Mercy (which is winding down this November!) the course will be an examination of the two sacraments often referred to as sacraments of mercy and healing: the Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation — “going to Confession”) and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The focus on the course will be on the rituals and liturgical theology of those two sacraments (surprise, surprise!), although Scriptural perspectives and historical developments will also be discussed. Considering that these two sacraments are often misun-

derstood and even sometimes feared, I hope you'll take the opportunity to avail yourself of this opportunity. Be sure to sign up soon; the course starts October 13!

Children's Liturgy of the Word beginning next week

Next Sunday we resume the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass each week for children **first grade and older**. This is always such a wonderful experience for the children, and parents love it for their kids, too (parents remain in the church while the children go to our separate chapel set up for this purpose). If you are unfamiliar with it, full details about what it is and how it works can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. We have a remarkable group of offerers who serve as homilists to the children and as shepherds, all who are faithful to this ministry week after week; I am deeply grateful to them for their dedication in keeping this ministry so vibrant. Special thanks go to Jenine Jimenez-Spina who heads up the Children's Liturgy of the Word and who is responsible for overseeing and coordinating all the details. Parents: make sure your first-grade-or-older child joins in each week!

Special Needs Mass on the first Saturday of every month

I would like to call your attention to another wonderful ministry of liturgical outreach, that of our Special Needs Ministry, which hosts our Special Needs Mass once a month, on the first Saturday of

each month at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Families with special needs persons appreciate having this opportunity to worship in a setting and a style that is more conducive to special needs persons, and I am absolutely delighted that our parish gives such great witness by offering this Mass once a month. It shows OLPH as "the place to be" as a place of inclusion and caring. The really great thing is that at each Mass there are always also parishioners who come who do not have special needs members, but who come simply to be with, to pray with, and to offer support for families with special needs. Isn't that a great witness of oneness in the Body of Christ? Anyone is welcome and can attend this Mass, and I encourage you to think about it once in a while. I am very grateful to our Special Needs Ministry, and to Jessica Becker and Caroline Grogan who head up this ministry.

In conclusion...

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,



IMPORTANT NOTICE AFFECTING ALL CHILDREN OF THE PARISH

As required by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Sacraments of Initiation are to be celebrated in the home parish of the child. Therefore, all families of OLPH with children celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are to have their children celebrate those sacraments at OLPH. As Catholics, our faith identity is centered in our Eucharistic identity, namely, the Sunday worshipping community we belong to (where we celebrate Mass Sunday after Sunday). This community is our primary community and the community in which our faith is lived, day in and day out.

Because of this, and because each year of religious formation builds on the prior one, **all school-aged children who are parishioners of OLPH, regardless of where they attend school, must be registered with our Religious Education Office for all years of religious formation (not only for sacrament-preparation years).**

- Children **in all grades** who attend **public school** attend religion classes in our Religious Education Program, and they and their parents also participate in various non-classroom religious formation experiences.
- Children **in all grades** who attend a **Catholic elementary school** need not attend the Religious Education classes, but they must be registered with us, and they and their parents participate in all the non-classroom religious formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.
- Children **in all grades** who are **homeschooled** must also be registered with the Religious Education Office; they may or may not be required to attend the Religious Education classes, depending on their homeschool curriculum, but regardless, the homeschooled children and their parents are to attend the various non-classroom formation experiences, especially but not only in sacrament-preparation years.

If you are a parishioner with children in a Catholic elementary school or who are homeschooled and you are not yet on record with our Religious Education Office, please contact the office immediately. If you know of anyone who should be registered, please let them know of this policy. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

Golden Wedding Celebration

*Couples celebrating 50 years or more
will be honored at these Masses.*

Sunday, October 23,

St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa

OR

Sunday, November 6,

Christ the King, Commack

Both Liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm.

You must register for only ONE Mass.

Registration forms are available at the rectory and must be returned to
the Office of Worship by **October 7** for the October 23 liturgy

& **October 21** for the November 6 liturgy. For more info call: 516-678-5800 X 207.



Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:30 P.M. ON THE RECTORY LAWN

(in the school auditorium in case of inclement weather)

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis has contributed so much to the life of our Church, in so many ways. One of the things he is noted for is recognition of God's presence in all of creation, including animals.



We invite all members of our parish community (even those that crawl, fly and have four legs) to come for a special prayer service and blessing. Following the service, there will be refreshments for all, including for our human family members and friends.

And, in the spirit of St. Francis, we ask all who attend the prayer service to bring a food or non-food donation for our food pantry. Please see page 11 for specific needs.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING

The Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation, or “Going to Confession”) and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are two beautiful sacraments, but they are often misunderstood and sometimes even feared. However, these sacraments are all about Christ’s healing and mercy. This course will examine the sacramental, liturgical and pastoral aspects of these sacraments in order to discover the beautiful ways the Church continues Christ’s work of mercy and healing through them. This course is especially appropriate during the closing weeks of the Year of Mercy.



Instructor: Msgr. Joe

Thursday Nights

October 13, 20, 27,

November 3 and 10

Time: 7:30—9:30 P.M.

Place: Room 18, OLPH School

Sign me up for **SACRAMENTS OF MERCY AND HEALING**

Name _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

Please RSVP by using this form or by emailing to jvagalatos@oloph.org or calling the Parish Office at 631.226.7725.

FREE WILL OFFERING

A \$20.00 Free Will Offering is requested for all who participate in an Adult Faith Formation Class at OLPH.

Save the Dates...

2017 Adult Faith Formation Courses so far...

January 2017

**Spirituality: Fulfilling Our Deepest Desires:
Growing Closer to God**

Thursdays: January 19, January 26,
February 2, February 9 & February 16

Instructor: Deacon Robert Becker



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 10:00 a.m. MASS
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2!

Allowing children to participate fully in the liturgical life of the parish is an important goal which we strive to attain here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Children should have every opportunity to understand what worship is all about and to be formed by the rites of the Church, especially the celebration of the Eucharist. In order to achieve this goal, we are happy to resume the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** which will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday **beginning again next Sunday, October 2.**

Where does the idea of the Children's Liturgy of the Word come from?

It comes out of the *Directory for Masses with Children* which tells us in paragraph 17, "Sometimes, if the place itself and the nature of the community permit, it will be appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word, including a homily, with the children in a separate, but not too distant, room. Then, before the Eucharistic liturgy begins, the children are led to the place where the adults have meanwhile celebrated their own Liturgy of the Word."

How does the Children's Liturgy of the Word work?

After the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), children **first-grade and older** are invited to come forward to the sanctuary to receive a special dismissal. They are then escorted to a separate chapel set up in the north sacristy of the church, where they listen to that Sunday's readings as proclaimed from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children*. These are the same readings everyone else is hearing in the church, but in a slightly different translation that is easier for children to understand. A special homily is then given to the children to help them understand the readings. This Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful, as the children pray intercessions together. Meanwhile, the Liturgy of the Word has continued as usual in the church. The children return to the church at the beginning of the collection/presentation of the gifts, and participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist as usual.

What is the purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word?

The purpose of this is not to offer a babysitting service, nor is it to isolate the children or to make them feel unwelcome. Rather, it is actually an act of hospitality to them: they will be given the chance to listen to the Sunday readings and participate in a homily that will be on their level, and yet still be a part of the worshiping assembly, since they participate in all other parts of the Mass. It does require a certain maturity level and ability to focus, so it is intended for **first-grade children and older**, not kindergartners, pre-schoolers or toddlers. **Parents do not accompany their children;** we have specially-trained adult "shepherds" who will keep watch.

Participating in the Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to teach children how to participate in Mass, since they do the same things that are being done in the main body of the church.

Ideally, parents and children then talk to each other on the ride home or later in the day about what they heard in their respective homilies. In this way, God's Word continues to be alive and active in the family's faith life.

Suppose I want my child to stay with me in the main body of the church?

That's fine; parents are in no way required to send their children to the Children's Liturgy of the Word, and no child is forced to participate. Children are welcome to stay in the main body of the church and to participate in the Liturgy of the Word there, where the usual readings and homily will take place. Since we think this is a great opportunity for children, though, we do hope you will encourage your child to participate.

PRE-CANA NEEDS YOU!

Are you are a couple validly married five or more years in the Catholic Church, and are you discouraged by the high divorce rate?

Why not join a ministry where you can actually do something to help?

Our ***In-parish Pre-Cana Ministry*** is looking for a few good couples to share their wisdom and experience with engaged couples in our marriage preparation program.

A perfect marriage is not required, just a willingness to share your joys, struggles, and problem-solving strategies with engaged couples who are hungry for some good role models!

If you call this week, you may be able to begin training this fall!

For more information call Chris Volpe (516) 238-2717



PRAYER AND WORSHIP

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY & FIRST SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

All are invited to come and pray with our parish community.

First Friday Devotions will take place **October 7** after the 6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses.

First Saturday Devotions—in honor of Our Lady of Fatima—will be conducted Saturday, **October 1** beginning with the Rosary at 7:40 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continued devotion following Mass.

Each month, all are invited to join the members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society for Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.** Reflecting the diverse community present at OLPH, each hour of the evening is celebrated in different languages (English, Spanish, then Polish). The evening concludes with Benediction at 11:00 p.m.

First Sunday Devotions—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, **October 2** at 7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Mass for People with Special Needs

This vital ministry offers experiences for those with special needs and their families, including special Masses, various activities and opportunities to come together as a parish community.

Saturday, October 1

4:00 p.m. School Auditorium

*All are welcome
to come celebrate Mass with us!*

*We can use some help in preparing for our monthly Mass and other special needs events. How about you?
Contact Jessica Becker at 631.226-7725 X 252 or
email to jbecker@oloph.org*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

NEW CATHOLICS WANTED and NEEDED!

*What about you? Do you want to be baptized?
Are you already baptized in another Christian church
and want to become Catholic?
What are you waiting for?*

Are you thinking of
becoming Catholic?

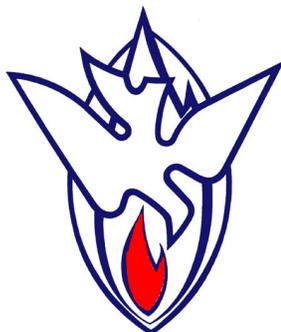


We offer a beautiful and life-giving process to join the Catholic Church and would love for you to be a part of it! You will join with other women and men interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith. Together, led by members of our parish community, you will discover God's call for you!

We are hoping to form a new group of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. **We need you to reach out and invite someone you know who might be considering this and have them contact us here at OLPH!**

Would you like to share your faith with those discerning God's call in their own hearts? To accompany another in this process not only aids those in this process of formation but transforms you as well. For more information about adult process, contact Rita Pugh at 631.991.7680 or e-mail to: ritapugh351@yahoo.com. For information about becoming part of our children's process, contact Jo-Ann Domanico whose email is lax1618@yahoo.com.

CONFIRMATION



Are you an adult interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not been fully initiated, we offer a process for those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

For adults who desire more information, contact Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net For teenagers and their families who desire more information, contact the Faith Formation Office at 631.226.7725, x.251 or e-mail to religioused@oloph.org.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.

Prayer for Peace

In response to Bishop Murphy's call for parishes to urgently pray for peace because of all the unrest in the world, please join us for a special Holy Hour devoted to praying for world peace within our own country and throughout the world. **This Holy Hour for Peace, with prayers focusing on the intention of peace, will be held on the second, third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The Holy Hour of Reparation which has been held on the first Sunday of the month will continue every first Sunday evening as usual, with the prayers that are usually said for that first Sunday Holy Hour.

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*Lord Jesus Christ,
who are called the Prince of Peace,
Who are yourself our peace
and our reconciliation,
Who so often said 'Peace to you',
Grant us peace!*

*Make all men and women witnesses
of truth, justice and brotherly love.*

*Banish from their hearts
whatever might endanger peace.*

*Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee
and defend the great gift of peace.*

*May all peoples of the earth
become as brothers and sisters.*

*May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always
over us all. AMEN*

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us!

(Pope Saint John XXIII)



Evening Prayer

All are invited to pray Evening Prayer on Saturdays and Sundays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Here we pray the psalms, listen to the Word of God and give thanks to God for the blessings of the day.

Evening Prayer is usually about ten to fifteen minutes in length.



So come and pray...

Saturdays and Sundays After the 5:00 p.m. Mass

"The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself 'continues his priestly work through his Church....Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers (Evening Prayer) are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts.'"

-Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1175

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help



The Monday night Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help has been a longstanding OLPH tradition.

Each Monday, parishioners pray to seek the help and assistance of the Lord for healing, family, children and the needs of the world, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. Following the Novena prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. The evening concludes with veneration of a relic of St. Catherine Labouré. Take some time each Monday to join in the OLPH Novena.

Monday, September 26—7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 3—7:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 10—No Devotions
due to holiday**

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Located in the school building
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Director: Mrs. April Kleinlaut
(akleinlaut@oloph.org)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: 11AM TO 7PM
TUESDAY: 9AM TO 2PM
WEDNESDAY: 2PM TO 8PM
THURSDAY: 9AM TO 3PM
SATURDAY: 8AM TO 1PM

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our newest feature!



September 26th marks the feast of Sts. Cosmos and Damian, the patron saints of pharmacists. These two brothers served the early

Church through volunteering to cure and heal the sick. They were eventually martyred along with their three younger brothers.

Sts. Damian and Cosmos, pray for us!

ENROLLMENT PRAYER SERVICES

Over the last few weeks, we welcomed all students to the 2016-17 year with opening Enrollment Prayer Services. Here are a few pictures from when we welcomed our younger students!



ANSWER THE CALL: MONITOR THE HALL

Calling all Hall Monitors! We are looking for offerers to help us in keeping our hallways safe and welcoming!

Times are as follows:

Mondays 7:15—8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 7:30—8:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:30—9:30 a.m.,

10:00—11:00 a.m., 11:30—12:30 p.m.

Please call us or stop by to find out more!

We need you! :)

ATTENTION MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOLERS!



Looking to get your Confirmation service hours completed in a fun, rewarding way? Interested in

working with kids, building your college resume, and sharing your faith? Join us on Saturdays (you choose which session!) as a **student teacher!** Stop by our office or call for more information.

NEVER MISS ANOTHER MEETING!

The Religious Education Office offers text message reminders for all grade levels.

We send these out before parent meetings, days off, snow closings, and for other important announcements.

Please call us for information on how to receive text messages.

For your convenience, our academic calendars are now available at olphlindhurst.org.

Please also visit us on Facebook!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

- † Blue Door Thrift Boutique: Tricia Buckley—631.561.5790—thebluedoor@oloph.org
- † Catholics for the Freedom of Religion: Marie Foster—631.592.1509—cfr@oloph.org
- † Community Meal: Gigi Gracey—631.943.0095—gigigracey1962@gmail.com—Deborah McDonald -516.662.2529—Dnk875@aol.com
- † Golden Age Society: Dolores Barone—631.957.3432
- † Homeless Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com—Peggy Pannullo—631.921.5994—justin97@aol.com
- † Hospital Visitors: Peter O'Neill—631-226-6340—oneillp@optonline.net
- † Middle Ages: Gail Tonnessen—631.957.1449—gtonness@optonline.net
- † Nursing Ministry: Regina Muir—631.226.2709—rmuir11@aol.com
- † Respect Life Committee: Louise Perrotta—631.412.3831—louiseperrotta@optonline.net
- † St. Bernard League: Kristine Doyle—631.804.3466—Kristine Kelly—631-412-5629—stbernardleague@oloph.org
- † St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deborah Deasy—631.226.7725, x. 234
- † Senior Moments/Spirituality: Fran Grasso—631.956.3003—sixfingers13@gmail.com
- † Special Needs Ministry: Jessica Becker—631.226.6175—jbecker@oloph.org—Caroline Grogan—631.225.7688—straightclaw@optonline.net
- † Youth Service Corp Ministry—April Kleinlaut—631-226-7725 X 257—service@oloph.org

NEW Food Pantry List!

CEREAL
CANNED FRUIT
PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP
CANNED MEATS
COFFEE
INSTANT POTATOES
PAPER TOWELS
TOILET PAPER

*Please bring your donations to the St. VdP office:
 Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon
 or Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.*

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Cut out this list and take it to the store!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Located in Room 24 of the School

Use Parking Lot located
on corner of Gates & High Streets

631.226.7725 x. 234

The office is open:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that “God had sent him to bring good news to the poor.” Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “bring good news to the poor,” assisting families by providing food, helping with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The OLPH Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce that **Memorial Cards** are now available. These Memorial Cards are a wonderful way to honor the dearly departed while benefitting the less fortunate in our community. A beautiful “Living Memorial” Card will be sent acknowledging your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donation forms are available on the pew ledges, in the SVDP Food Pantry (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Monday, Wednesday & Friday; Saturday 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.) or at the Rectory. For further information, please contact Janet Hume at the SVDP Office at 631-226-7725 X 234.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

HOMELESS MINISTRY

FOOD PREPARERS

We are always in need of individuals, families and groups to prepare a light meal and/or soup for our weekly runs. Can you help us? Contact Regina Muir at 631.226.2709 or e-mail to rmuir11@aol.com. You assist when you can—usually once every other month!

DONATIONS

We are in need of the following items:

Wash cloths

Men's underwear – L, XL

hoodies - M, L, XL

sweat tops - M, L, XL

sweat pants - M, L, XL

sneakers - 10, 11, 12, 13

Toiletries:

Lotion not more than 1 oz.

Soaps – travel size - not larger than 3 oz.

Shampoo – travel size – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothpaste – small – not larger than 3 oz.

Toothbrushes

Small packs of **tissues**

Clothing: hoodies, sweat tops, sweat pants, sneakers
(all sizes – mostly L and above)

If it is easier, we can always use Kmart gift cards (and the like) or financial donations, and we'll do the shopping.

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office from 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily and 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. on the weekends.

MIDDLE AGES

Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?

Are you looking to meet others your age for times of spirituality, socializing and social action?

Look for the Middle Ages Booth

Sunday, October 2nd, 12 p.m.– 5 p.m.

At the Oktoberfest on Wellwood Avenue
Proceeds to benefit Fr. Fidelis' Nigerian charity

Tuesday, October 4 – Open House: All Welcome Refreshments provided. Come on down to discover what the Middle Ages is all about. If you're 40 to 60'ish, you are welcome.

Project for the evening: Assembling Halloween Bags for Community Meal (materials provided).

Our regular meetings will be held in Room 24 of the "new" school (use large parking lot).

Please note our new meeting day: the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email her at gtonness@optonline.net



There is a place for you at our table...



COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY

OLPH's Community Meal Ministry has served hundreds of meals to members of our parish community. Generally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, the Community Meal seeks to provide a place of good food, good fellowship and good times for all who come!

Our next Community Meal will be Sunday, October 2nd
Come and pray at the 12:00 p.m. Mass & join us for "Sunday dinner" at 1:00 p.m.

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VIRTUS TRAINING



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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
7:00 p.m. in ROOM 1**

**TRAINING IS REQUIRED
FOR ALL PARISH OFFERERS
IN ALL MINISTRIES.**

*Registration **MUST** be done online.*
Simply go to drvc.org, then Protecting God's Children and to the Virtus training schedule. Find the date and OLPH to register.

CATHOLICS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION



"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor

Few Christian refugees admitted to U.S.:

Of over 10,000 Syrian refugees admitted to the U.S. in 2016, only 56 are Christians. While 10% of the population in Syria is Christian, less than one-half of 1% of those fleeing genocide have been admitted to this country. Since 2011, between 1/2 to 1 million Christians have fled Syria but have had to seek asylum in other countries.

In March, Secretary of State John Kerry declared that ISIS has committed genocide against Christians, Yazidis and other minorities. He also accused ISIS of "crimes against humanity" and "ethnic cleansing." Yet, despite the strong words, few of these minority groups have been brought to the U.S. (cnsnews.com, 8/2/16; cbn.com, 9/3/16; foxnews.com, 9/2/16)

Please pray:

Lord, the plight of our brothers and sisters is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. We ask you Lord to spare their lives and grant them patience and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope.

Pray, Learn and Act to preserve religious liberty.

Visit www.cffor.org

RESPECT LIFE

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Spiritual Adoption Program



"I can look around!"

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

K OF C DINNER DANCE



Columbus Day

Dinner & Dance

Honoring Stephen Strigaro

Friday October 7th, 2016

8pm to 12am

At

American Legion Hall

80 Herbert Ave. Lindenhurst

\$35 per preson

Dinner, Bar & DJ

Sponsored by OLPH K of C #794

For tickets contact Phil Renna PGK at 631-884-1309

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING RESCHEDULED

The September 19th Golf Outing was rained out and has been rescheduled for

Friday, October 28th

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Tee off: 9:00 a.m.

Same price of \$140 for new players!

We hope more players will be able to join us!

More details to follow.

Contact:

BOB DOBRES 631-592-8697

OR MIKE HEARNEY 631-560-0451

OLPH YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

There is such a great need for service in the life of our parish and often a huge number of young people who want to help those in need. The Service Corps is one way to make this connection.

Last year, over 100 middle and high school teens and college young adults assisted on projects ranging from the Community Meal to Vacation Bible Camp to the St. Bernard League, and assisting parishioners in need and more! Here's how it works:

1. **ANY** middle school, high school and college aged student can contact Mrs. April Kleinlaut at 226-7725 X 257 or email their contact information to service@oloph.org.
2. You do not need to already belong to any OLPH existing Youth Ministry groups.
3. As requests for help come from or come into our parish, you'll be contacted to see if you can help.
4. If you can help with a particular project, great! If not, no problem. You'll be contacted for the next one!

This is also a great way to **meet high school and middle school service requirements** as you are reaching out to those within our own local and parish community. By serving through the OLPH Youth Service Corps, you are also connecting and building relationships within our own OLPH community.

YES!!! Sign me up for Youth Service Corps at OLPH!

Name _____
 Home Phone # _____
 Cell Phone # _____
 E-mail _____@_____
 This September, I am in (check one) ___ Middle School (Grade ___)
 ___ High School (Grade ___) ___ College

DON'T FORGET YOUR BABY BOTTLE

This weekend, *September 24th & 25th*, OLPH Parish will be hosting a *Baby Bottle Fundraiser* to benefit **The Life Center** of Long Island, a crisis pregnancy center that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

They provide:

- *free pregnancy test kits*
- *maternity housing referrals with eligibility requirements*
- *sonograms by a licensed physician when necessary*
- *crisis intervention counseling*
- *pre-natal & post-natal guidance*
- *material aid such as cribs, car seats, diapers, etc.*
- *referral assistance for: continuing education &*
- *employment opportunities*



We are asking that you *pick up a baby bottle* and fill it with your change. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle.

The prayer attached to the bottle will enable the counselors to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth. We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to call The Life Center in the first place. Let us pray with our whole heart for the lives of our unborn children.

PARISH LEADERS: SAVE THE DATE!!!

Heads of parish groups and ministries should **SAVE THE DATE:**
Saturday, October 15, 2016, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
 Our next PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING will be on that date.
 Invitation letters and more details to follow.

EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración- "Jesús es el camino, La verdad y la vida"

Te invita a alabar y glorificar al PADRE, al HIJO y al ESPIRITU SANTO Todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. En un ambiente familiar. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra. Les ofrecemos el cuidado de los niños y les enseñamos la doctrina de la Iglesia.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149

Para las ofrendas de pan y vino en el altar, favor llamar a la oficina parroquial Al 631-226-7725. Adoración al santísimo Sacramento del altar, en español. El primer sábado de cada mes, para el horario llámala a Alejandro Campos.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicios pastorales Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, también la llevamos a los enfermos. Si reside en Lindenhurst y necesita estos servicios y no habla inglés favor llamar al Alejandro Campos al teléfono 631-671-9257 correo electrónico saintjosep@Gmail.com.

Para información general en inglés llamar a la rectoría al 63-1226-7725

Lecturas del Domingo 27º del Tiempo Ordinario - Ciclo C

Preparándonos para el Domingo 2 de Octubre del 2016

Guarden vivo en ustedes

el amor y la fe en Cristo Jesús.

Que el Espíritu Santo que inhabita en ustedes

les ayude a guardar las riquezas de su fe

y esté siempre con ustedes.

Primera Lectura (Habacuc 1,2-3; 2,2-4): **El Creyente Vivirá**

El pueblo de Dios, en medio de sus pruebas, tiene que seguir confiando, ya que su fe le salvará. La fe es entendible aquí como germen de una nueva realidad del hombre que aceptado a Dios y su mensaje. Es el principio de una vida superior una incoación a una existencia divina. Algo que comienza aquí, en esta vida pero que madura en la eterna, no es algo expectativo o mental sino una realidad que penetra toda la persona

Segunda Lectura (2 Timoteo 1,6-8.13-14): **Den Testimonio de su Fe**

Debemos guardar la fe que Dios nos ha dado, dar testimonio de ella, y hacerla crecer.

Evangelio (Lucas 17,5-19): **¡Si al menos Tuvieran Ustedes Fe!**

Jesús quiere que sus discípulos tengan fe absoluta en Dios. Y, sin embargo, incluso una vida llena de fe no nos da derecho a privilegios, ya que la fe es un don de Dios.

Afirmaciones bonitas sobre nuestra fe pueden impresionar a otros y quizás a nosotros mismos, por un momento, pero no nos cambian. La inspiración para cambiar y convertirnos al evangelio procede de testigos vivientes, que nos inspiran sobre todo por la forma como viven. Con frecuencia los discípulos ni siquiera entendieron a Jesús en su predicación, pero veían lo que hacía, y cómo vivía. Ellos le admiraban, y por eso le pidieron: "¡Señor, aumenta nuestra fe!". La gente nos considera a nosotros cristianos practicantes, pero el meollo de la cuestión es a ver si de verdad somos creyentes, personas de fe, cercanos a nuestro Señor, que vivimos con coherencia conforme a lo que creemos. Pidamos también nosotros: "¡Señor, aumenta nuestra fe!".

(Auméntanos la fe) hemos de repetir siempre. Si la recibimos como un don en el Bautizo y exige comunión íntima con Dios y adhesión con él, la participación en esta celebración, con la comunión del cuerpo de Jesucristo es la forma muy importante para el aumento de nuestra fe.

Domingo Respeto a la Vida

El Domingo, 2 de octubre es dedicado a celebrar el Respeto a la Vida. Celebrando este Domingo del Respeto a la Vida, recordamos que asaltos a la dignidad de la vida humana esta ocurriendo de muchas maneras. La Oficina al Respeto a la Vida esta a cargo de seguir llevando este profundo compromiso de Pro-Vida a todas las actividades de educación de las Parroquias. Por favor apoye este importante y vital trabajo participando con su colecta en el sobre especial para Respeto a la Vida. Muy agradecidos con nuestras oraciones por su colaboración.

PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Third Announcement:

Ybrahim Junior Hernandez & Theresa Fischer

Kevin Joyce & Camille Asaro

Second Announcement:

William Miller & Nicole Dose

Bryan Donato & Kathleen Moscarelli

First Announcement:

Alexander Sornchai & Kristina Elise Filippi

WE BELIEVE

We pray for the sick of our parish...

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Ryan Bernard</i> | <i>Sheila</i> |
| <i>John Santiago</i> | <i>Erin Stanton</i> |
| <i>RoseMarie Collins</i> | <i>Thomas J. Martin</i> |
| <i>Matthew Allocca</i> | <i>Alice Kurila</i> |
| <i>Virginia Evers</i> | <i>Gene Gorman</i> |
| <i>Alyssa Drenkalo</i> | <i>Heleene Horodnicki</i> |
| <i>Vance Vivrito</i> | <i>Mary Fontana</i> |
| <i>Pauline Lechner</i> | <i>Fran Giarratano</i> |
| <i>Patricia Grasso</i> | <i>George Gleixner</i> |
| <i>Mary Doran</i> | <i>Annie McGuinniss</i> |
| <i>Alisha Gervasio</i> | <i>Alexander Sherbitsky</i> |
| <i>Virginia Evers</i> | <i>Ms. Irma</i> |
| <i>Matthew Alloca</i> | <i>Kevin Reid</i> |
| <i>Dominick Esposito</i> | <i>Jean Wilutis</i> |
| <i>Victoria Flynn</i> | <i>Phyllis Parson</i> |
| <i>Carmine</i> | <i>John Ferguson</i> |

WE REMEMBER

We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:

James Skala

“O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption.”

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS

Gluten-free hosts are available for those with Celiac Disease who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. If you need to receive Holy Communion using a gluten-free host, please stop in the sacristy before Mass to discuss this with the priest. We will be happy to accommodate you.



BRINGING FORWARD THE OFFERINGS OF BREAD AND WINE

If the announced intention at Mass is for your intention, or if you have memorialized the bread and wine, and you would like to carry those offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during Mass, please be sure to let the ushers know this before the Mass begins. They will be happy to have you do this. If no one steps forward to specifically request this, then they will select people from the assembly.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 26—
Weekday
(Saints Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs)

6:30 Father Kevin McDonald (Living)

12:15 Raymond & Katherine Marko

TUESDAY, September 27—
Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:30 Grazia Azzaro

12:15 For the Enthronement of Jesus Christ as
 King of Poland and All Nations

WEDNESDAY, September 28—
Weekday
*(Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and
 Companions, Martyrs)*

6:30 Betty Condren

12:15 Gennaro Zampella

THURSDAY, September 29—
Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

6:30 Nicholas DiNapoli

12:15 Michael Luby

FRIDAY, September 30—
Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 Emanuel Palazzolo

12:15 Angela & Sherman Glass

SATURDAY, October 1—
**Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and
 Doctor of the Church**

8:00 Joyce, Jack & John DeFranco

Vigil for
TWENTY-SEVEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 Special Needs Mass—Auditorium

5:00 Pasquale DiPietrantonio

Sunday, October 2
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 Concetta Perrotta

10:00 For the People of the Parish

12:00 Anthony Messina

5:00 Margaret Nuss

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, September 26, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

1:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Film Church

2:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Room 24

7:00 p.m. Devotions Church

7:15 p.m. Level 8 Classes School

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

6:45 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Movie Church

8:00 p.m. Community of Praise Room 16

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

12:45 p.m. Exposition Church

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Business Meeting Room 24

5:30 p.m. Level 6 Classes School

7:30 p.m. Level 7 Classes School

Thursday, September 29, 2016

1– 5 p.m. Church closed for cleaning Church

6:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal Room 16

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting St. Lucy Rm

7:00 p.m. Catholic Committee on Scouting St. Mark Rm

7:00 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group Cafeteria

7:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Around the Cross Church

8:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, September 30, 2016

9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul/Food Pantry Room 24

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Levels 1-5 Classes & Special Education Classes School

1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Room 24

4:00 p.m. Confessions Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

8:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration Church

Sunday, October 2, 2016

1:00 p.m. Community Meal Cafeteria

1:30 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Room 24

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Church

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Cafeteria

SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Phone: (631) 226-7725 Parish Fax: (631) 225-9597

Directory of Phone Extensions

Name	Ext	Email
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Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, Pastor	206	msgjrjoe@oloph.org
Fr. Fidelis Ezeani, Associate Pastor	226	fadaprince4christ@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Office	253	religioused@oloph.org
Christopher Ferraro, Director of Music	210	cferraro@oloph.org
Martin Kenny, Business Manager	204	mkenny@oloph.org
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Rectory Reception Desk	200	
St. Vincent de Paul	234	stvincentdepaul@oloph.org
Josephine Vagelatos, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor	206	jvagelatos@oloph.org
Fr. Frank Zero, Associate Pastor	203	fzero@oloph.org

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Alice White at 631-805-2133 or e-mail at Alicem9@icloud.com to begin the process.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Robert Becker at 631-226-6175 or e-mail to rabecker@optimum.net at the Parish Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork
Tricia Buckley (Chair)
Lori Byron
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Marie Foster
Greg Guido
Sonia Hansen
John Keller
Kevin Sabella, Jr.
Kevin Sabella, Sr.
Christina Taparata
James Totino
Pete Triolo

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH TRUSTEES

Gerry Chille
John Reynolds

YOUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Barrett
Bill Bendernagel
Gerry Chille (Chair)
Ed Cirella
Meg Danaher, CFP®, CLU®
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Martin Kenny
Bob Meade
John Reynolds
Sandra Tandoi

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Finance Committee with any questions you might have.

YOUR PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Deacon Robert Becker
Lynn Bergin
Mark Costantino
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco
Chris Ferraro
MaryAnn Haas
Jenine Jimenez-Spina
Barbara McPhail
Deacon Doug Smith
Rosaleen Walters
Mike Williams

Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.

OFFERING UPDATE September 17/18, 2016

Mass Time	Attendance	# of Envelopes	Weekly Collection
5:00 p.m.	340	135	\$3,176.00
8:00 a.m.	266	121	3,028.00
10:00 a.m.	426	132	3,596.00
12:00 pm.	410	126	2,975.00
5:00 p.m.	197	44	1,387.50
Total coin:			25.95
Mail-ins:			319.00
Children's Env.		14	49.34
Faith Direct			1,954.94
TOTAL	1,639	572	\$16,511.73
2015 total	1,790	601	\$16,860.85
Candles			\$865.64
Poor Box			\$154.26



SUPER 72 RAFFLE WINNERS SEPTEMBER 2016

- \$1000 - Alex Keller
- \$250 - Richard & Jo-Ann Domanico
- \$100 - Mr. & Mrs. John Sureau
- \$100 - Mr. & Mrs. G. Russo
- \$100 - Richard & Jo-Ann Domanico
- \$100 - George & Elizabeth Nelson

DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests for items printed in the bulletin must first have approval from Msgr. DeGrocco or the ministry moderator. All material must be submitted no later than the dates listed below as a word or publisher document to Carmel Becker at cbecker@oloph.org.
Editing and sizes are at the discretion of the editor.

- October 9—by Sept. 29
- October 16—by Oct. 6
- October 23—by Oct. 13



Sunday, October 2 is Respect Life Sunday.

As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we are reminded that the assaults on human dignity come in many forms. The Respect Life Office is charged with deepening our already strong commitment to pro-life activities and parish education. Please support this vital work through participation in the special Respect Life envelope collection. Your prayers and assistance are greatly appreciated.



Lindenhurst Oktoberfest

Friday Sept 30 - 5:00-9:00 p.m. - Pay-One-Price Midway Rides, Games, Food Available.

Saturday Oct 1 - 2:00-9:00 p.m., and from 2:00-5:00 p.m.: All midway rides are \$2; Games, Food Available.

Sunday Oct 2 - 12:00-5:00 p.m. - Street Festival - *Takes place along North and South Wellwood Avenue in the heart of Lindenhurst Village downtown* and will include continuous live entertainment, Beer Garden and Traditional German food at Village Square Gazebo and on Wellwood Avenue, Street Fair with arts/crafts, food & merchandise vendors, Classic Antique Car Show – Midway with rides, games and food.

Remember to add extra travel time to arrive at church in order to obtain a parking spot and be on time for Mass on Sunday, October 2.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The *OLPH Nursing Ministry* would like to thank all of the parishioners who made the recent *Blood Drive* a great success. 77 people came to donate and 49 actual units of blood were collected. Those units will potentially help up to 150 people.

Special thanks to Msgr. Joe for his support, to Peggy and Jerry Pannullo, Jack Kennedy and the Ronessi family for all of their assistance. We could not have done it without you.



PREPARING FOR

Sunday, October 2, 2016—The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Habakkuk prophesied in Judah in the years prior to the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians early in the sixth century B.C. The government in Judah had become very corrupt and the people had turned away from God to foreign idols. Abuse of the needy was rampant and the life for the poor was hard. Where was God in all this? Hadn't he promised to take care of his people? Didn't he care? Why does evil occur right before his eyes and he does nothing? These, of course, are timeless questions. The Lord responds not with a solution but a promise, a splendid vision of deliverance and restoration. But it will take faith and patience to reach that day, one that only the just, not the rash, will see. Faith is always the mark of those who find favor with God and who can endure without losing heart.

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

These words that Paul wrote to Timothy, a bishop whom he had ordained, were meant to encourage him to find again the faith that first flamed in him when he was baptized. Timothy is urged not to let the sufferings of Christ or even of Paul be a source of embarrassment. The success of Jesus is not a worldly success. Even Timothy will have to bear his share of hardships for the sake of the faith. But Paul reminds him, and us today, that we have the Holy Spirit to strengthen us, a Spirit not of fear but of power. That same Spirit fills us with love and gives us the self-control to endure hardships with confidence and peace.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. But such a request could only come from ones who already have a substantial faith. Jesus responds by saying that what is needed and sufficient is only “faith the size of a mustard seed” which is small indeed. That's comforting to hear when we reflect on how much faith we have. But Jesus goes further by explaining how this faith takes on the form of service. Faith changes us into servants who do what's necessary – love, give witness, repent, forgive – no matter how hard the task without expecting anything in return simply because it's what we're supposed to do. Discipleship is its own reward.

Gospel Reflection Questions....

After reading next Sunday's Gospel take some time to pray on it before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.

1. *Is quantity an issue when it comes to faith? Would an infinitely small amount of faith (a mustard seed's-worth) fulfill what Jesus promised to the apostles?*

2. *Do you know people, as Pope Francis suggests here, who, with incredibly strong faith, have moved mountains, or as this reading suggests, “uprooted mulberry trees”? Who are they? What have they accomplished? Can your faith help you do the kinds of things they did? Can it help you overcome obstacles?*

“The mustard seed is very small, but Jesus says that it is enough to have a faith like this, small, but true, sincere to do things that are humanly impossible, unthinkable. And it is true! We all know people who are simple, humble, but with an incredibly strong faith, who truly move mountains!”

*Pope Francis, Angelus Message,
October 6, 2013*



Readings for the Week

Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.

Monday, September 26, 2016:

Job 1:6-22 + Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27, 2016:

Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

+ Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 28, 2016:

Job 9:1-12, 14-16 + Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, September 29, 2016:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 + John 1:47-51

Friday, September 30, 2016:

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

+ Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 1, 2016:

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

+ Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 2, 2016:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

+ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

+ Luke 17:5-10

ST. PIUS X ENRICHED LIVING FACILITY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued support for the senior priests residing at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility.

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St. Pius X means so much to our retired priests. Please give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of this important facility. Your support will ensure that our retired priests will be served today and long into the future.

I ask you to remember them especially in your daily prayers, as we are remembered in theirs.

With my prayers and gratitude, I am

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| Holy Trinity DHS | - | Sunday, September 25 - 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m. |
| Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale | - | Saturday, October 1 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Sacred Heart Academy, Hempstead | - | Saturday, October 1 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| Chaminade High School, Mineola | - | Saturday, October 1 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. |
| St. Anthony's HS, South Huntington | - | Sunday, October 2 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| McGann-Mercy DHS, Riverhead | - | Saturday, October 15 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| St. John the Baptist DHS, West Islip | - | Sunday, October 16 - 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| St. Mary's High School, Manhasset | - | Sunday, October 16 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. |

To register for the Catholic High School Entrance Examination, visit <http://www.cathhsli.org/index.htm>.

LITURGY COMMITTEE HOSTING A MOVIE

The Liturgy Committee of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will be hosting screenings for one of the most significant and powerful films of the Holy Year of Mercy

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THIS WEEK**



Monday afternoon, September 26 at 1:30 pm

Tuesday evening, September 27 at 7:00 pm

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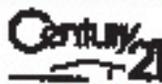
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